

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

CLAIM STATUS

In this communication, Applicants have cancelled withdrawn claims 26-33, 35, 37, 39-46 and 49-52 without prejudice or disclaimer. The cancelled claims will be the subject of a divisional application.

After the amendment, claims 1, 6, 8-13, 17-18, 20-24 and 53 are pending application.

DRAWINGS

The PTO objected to figures 6 and 11 as failing to show anything discernible. During the telephone conversation with Alexey Saprigin (Reg. 56,439) on August 11, 2005, Examiner Riggins specified that he objected only to figures 4 and 11 (but not figures 6 and 11).

In response to the objection, applicants provide the PTO with corrected figures 4(A-H) and 11(A-I) which obviate the objection.

ABSTRACT

The PTO objected to the abstract as containing legalese terms and not agreeing with the claimed subject. Applicants submit a rewritten abstract which obviates the objection.

SPECIFICATION

The PTO objected to the specification as containing informalities. Applicants believe that the above amendment to the specification obviates the objection.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claim 1 stands provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claim 3 of co-pending Application No. 10/475,962.

Claims 6, 8-11, 13, 17, 18, 20-24 and 53 stand provisionally rejected under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6, 8-11, 13, 17, 18 and 20-24 of co-pending Application No. 10/475,962.

Applicants enclose with this communication a submission filed October 7, 2005, requesting Express Abandonment of Application No. 10/475,962. Since the '672 application is abandoned, Applicants request withdrawal of the double patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets containing corrected Figures 4(A-H) and 11(A-I) present new formal drawing sheets to replace the previously submitted drawing sheets. The corrected figures 4(A-H) provide a higher quality printout of figures 4(A-H). The corrected figures 11(A-I) provide a higher quality zoomed printout of figures 11(A-I) with each of the figures 11(A-I) presented on a separate page.

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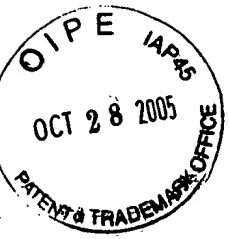
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